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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication
CC Dockets 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Monday, November 10, 2003, undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Rural Cellular Association and the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers, and Elizabeth Kohler on behalf of Rural Cellular Corporation spoke telephonically with Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy of New York, who sits on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and his assistant Stacy Harwood.

We discussed service area redefinition, disaggregation of support, uses of support, contribution methodologies, controlling fund growth, and portability of support. The positions taken were consistent with papers previously filed with the Commission. No papers were provided as part of the discussion.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

cc: Hon. Thomas Dunleavy